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FOR WANDA ALE OIM/SAD FROM CHRISTENSON

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL FISHING TRADE MISSION

1. DESPITE BRIEF STAY IN LAGOS, TRADE MISSION WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN USEFUL INTRODUCTION TO NIGERIAN FISHING INDUSTRY AND INITIAL CONTACTS WITH POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS DURING STAY. FOLLOW-UP VISITS OVER LONGER PERIOD WILL BE REQUIRED IF ORDERS ARE TO BE OBTAINED.

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MISSION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: TM WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY CONTROL OFFICER KRIS ATCHLEY, AND TRANSPORTED TO IKOYI HOTEL BY RENTED BUS. IN VIEW OF NORMAL DELAYS IN PASSING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AS WELL AS IN TRAVELLING TO IKOYI ISLAND, WE DO NOT EXPECT MISSION TO ARRIVE AT HOTEL UNTIL ABOUT 9:00 P.M. MISSION MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A DEPOSIT OF NAIRA 40 PER SINGLE PER DAY UPON ARRIVAL AT HOTEL.

3. AT 7:45 A.M. WEDNESDAY JUNE 15 MISSION WILL BE TAKEN BY RENTED BUS TO EMBASSY FOR BRIEFING AT 8:30 A.M. DEPARTURE AT 9:30 FOR MEETINGS WITH DIRECTORS OF NIGERIAN DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESEARCH ON VICTORIA ISLAND. AFTERWARDS BUS WILL TRANSPORT
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THOSE TM MEMBERS WHO HAVE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS ON MAINLAND TO HOTEL EXCELSIOR FROM WHICH THEY WILL TRAVEL BY TAXI TO APPOINTMENTS. THEY WILL REFORM AT HOTEL AT 5:00 P.M. TO BE TRANSPORTED BACK TO IKOYI BY BUS. RECEPTION FOR MISSION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WILL BE HELD FROM 7 TO 9 P.M.

4. THURSDAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS.

MISSION MEMBERS WILL MEET AT GUEST HOUSE BY 6:30 P.M. TO BE
TAKEN BY BUS TO AIRPORT.

5. USUAL BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER IS NOT AVAILABLE NEAR
FISHING INDUSTRY ON MAINLAND. DUE TO DIFFICULTIES OF LAGOS
TRAFFIC, WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY BUSINESS COMMUNITY WILL BRAVE
TRAFFIC FROM MAINLAND, CROSSTOWN, TO IKOYI HOTEL.

6. EXPENSES FOR MISSION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

MISSION DIRECTOR'S SUITE	DOLS 560
HOSPITALITY	280
LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	200
PRINTING AND MAILING	100
CONTRACT PERSONNEL	400

TOTAL	DOLS 1,580

7. EMBASSY PROFESSIONAL FSL WHO NORMALLY ARRANGES INDIVIDUAL
BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS RESIGNED SUDDENLY. WE WILL HIRE CONTRACT
PERSONNEL TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS ON MAINLAND AS WELL AS LAGOS.
WELL KNOWN TELEPHONE DIFFICULTIES MAKE PERSONAL VISITS TO
OFFICES MANDATORY TO ARRANGE INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT SCHEDULES.
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